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SEGMENT TITLE: NEWS YOU CAN USE

KANE FARABAUGH, HOST: NOW FOR SOME NEWS YOU CAN USE: THE VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION UNVEILED A NEW EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES. THROUGH THIS PARTNERSHIP DISABLED VETS CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF VA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BENEFITS WHILE TRAINING FOR SELECT POSITIONS IN FAA. TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY GO THE VETSUCCESS DOT GOV WEB SITE.

A YEAR AGO THERE WERE 20. NOW, THERE ARE ONLY THREE. THREE NAMES ON VA'S LIST OF LIVING WORLD WAR ONE VETERANS OUT OF 4.8 MILLION MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE WAR. VA SEARCHED ITS OWN FILES AND WORKED WITH OTHER FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES AND VETERANS GROUPS TO IDENTIFY WORLD WAR ONE VETERANS. MANY VETERANS OF THE GREAT WAR NEVER APPLIED FOR VA BENEFITS, SO NO RECORDS WERE PRODUCED.

IF YOU KNOW OF A LIVING WORLD WAR ONE VETERAN, E-MAIL US AT WWW1 AT VA DOT GOV. YOU CAN FAX INFORMATION TO 202-273-6702 OR SEND A LETTER TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (MAIL STOP 80), 810 VERMONT AVENUE, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, DC 20420. PLEASE WRITE "WORLD WAR ONE VETERAN" ON THE ENVELOPE.

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, JIM NICHOLSON DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT BUSH THE RESULTS OF THE TASK FORCE ON RETURNING GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR HEROES. RECOMMENDATIONS RANGE FROM SCREENING ALL GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR VETERANS FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY TO EXTENDING THE CURRENT TWELVE MONTH DETERMINATION TIME LIMIT FOR THE VR&E, OR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. IT ALSO CALLS FOR GREATER COLLABORATION BETWEEN FEDERAL AGENCIES ASSISTING VETERANS ON THEIR RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE.

JIM NICHOLSON, SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: I KNOW THE PRICE THAT THEY PAY. AND I KNOW HOW MUCH THEY DESERVE. THEY DESERVE THE BEST. AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE STRIVING TO BE AT THE VA.

FARABAUGH: THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IS DOING ITS PART IN KEEPING THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN. THIS YEAR, THE FORT CUSTER NATIONAL CEMETERY WON THE WHITE HOUSE "CLOSING THE CIRCLE AWARD" FOR ITS BIO-BASED FLUIDS PILOT PROJECT. TIMOTHY TRITTSCHUH, AN AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC AT THE CEMETERY, INTRODUCED BIO-BASED LUBRICANTS AND BIO-DIESEL FUEL IN MORE THAN 90 PIECES OF HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT. THE WHITE HOUSE "CLOSING THE CIRCLE AWARD" IS THE HIGHEST FEDERAL AGENCY AWARD FOR CONSERVATION, RECYCLING AND SUSTAINABILITY.

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